



## **Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services**

**Date:** March 5, 2012

**To:** Council Member Betsy Hodges, Chair – Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** Request for Proposals (RFP) approval

**Recommendation:** Authorize the appropriate City officials to execute a Request for Proposals to enter into partnership with eligible agencies for the 2011 HUD Healthy Homes Thriving Communities grant. In general, the grant is to be used for the purposes of reducing health hazards in homes.

**Previous Directives:** Council approval for grant application May 13, 2011, and grant award acceptance request on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Both approved.

### **Department Information**

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Presenters in Committee: Lisa Smestad

### **Reviews**

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval y Date 2/16/12
- Civil Rights Approval Approval Date
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval Date

### **Financial Impact**

- No financial impact

### **Community Impact**

- This grant program incorporates the City of Minneapolis goal of “A safe place to call home”, by reducing environmental health and safety hazards in residential housing.

### **Supporting Information**

The City of Minneapolis has received \$1.86 million in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant goals are to identify and reduce the occurrence and severity of home hazards that commonly cause illness or injury in low to moderate housing. This grant work will occur exclusively in the city of Minneapolis and will be completed after three years or by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

Prioritization for structural repairs and rehabilitation will be provided to housing units with severe: indoor air quality problems, safety deficiencies, accidental injuries in the home, and properties with a historically high incidence of lead poisoning, asthma exacerbations and housing maintenance orders.

Minneapolis Environmental Services has received letters of support and Memo's of Understanding for the grant from the Minnesota Department of Health, Center for Energy and Environment, Preventing Harm MN, and Neighborhood Housing Services. We would like to open an RFP for partnering with these agencies and others that qualify for the life of the grant. Project work will be split among agencies that are able to provide matching dollars in eligible housing rehabilitation, weatherization and in-kind staff time. Partner responsibilities will be to support enrollment into the grant, and complete structural repairs that qualify as healthy home interventions in homes through their existing contracts.